SOUTHWEST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER
THIRD QUARTER REPORT-FY 2003
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Title of Accomplishment or Milestone: Complete Los Angeles Times CPFV database and Web-based query system.

Current Status: Completed in June 2003.

Background Information: The Los Angeles Times newspaper has carried a daily report of marine fish landings by Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels (CPFV) in southern California for over fifty years. The LA Times usually reports each day s landings for most fishing ports, the number of commercial passenger fishing vessels reporting landings on that day, the total catch numbers by species or species group, and the total number of fishing passengers.

Purpose of Activity: The LA Times Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessels (CPFV) data from 1959 to December 2002 has been entered into the database and has been edited. The web based query system is completed and can be accessed through the Fisheries Resources Division s web page or the Southwest Fisheries Science Center data portal. The first six months of 2003 have been entered and are in the process of editing and adding to the full database**.**

Description of Accomplishment and Significant Results: The milestone is the completion of the entry and editing of the 1959-to-present CPFV data, and development of a database and a web based query system and posting on the FRD web site.

Significance of Accomplishment: The completion of this milestone makes a forty three year times series of CPFV landing data available to fisheries researchers, fishermen and the public. Investigators can now query the data to look at regional, seasonal or long term tends for many important species including albacore, yellowtail, yellowfin tuna, cowcod and bocaccio. It will be a very useful database in evaluating the status of the fishery for many of the important species in the southern California area.

Problems: None.

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